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Tentative Ruling:

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2:19-13111 Shant John Markarian

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#1.00 Status conference re: Motion for an order to show cause why Merchants Acquisition Group LLC,
Bruce Jackman and Richard W. Snyder should not be held in contempt for violating the discharge injunction

Docket 38

Tentative Ruling:

The court has reviewed the joint status report and the proposed litigation schedule set forth therein. Based on the parties' suggested litigation schedule, the court proposes the following schedule: (1) discovery cutoff date: 1/31/22; (2) trial - 3/2/21 and 3/3/21, starting at 10:00 a.m.; (3) movant to file and serve trial declarations of direct examination testimony of witnesses that he is calling at trial by 1/18/22; (4) respondents to file and serve trial declarations of direct examination testimony of witnesses that they are calling at trial and any evidentiary objections to trial declarations of movant's witnesses by 2/1/22; (5) movant to file and serve reply trial declarations and objections to trial declarations of respondents' witnesses by 2/15/22; (6) respondents to file and serve any evidentiary objections to respondents' reply trial declarations by 2/22/22; (7) pretrial stipulation and proposed order thereon to be filed by 2/15/22 if there is a pretrial conference, or witness and exhibit lists to be filed and served by 2/15/22 if there is no pretrial conference; (8) trial exhibits must be tagged for identification and exchanged by 2/1/22: (9) written objections to trial exhibits to be filed and served by 2/15/22; (10) two sets of trial exhibits (hard copies in binders) with an exhibit register must be delivered to the presiding judge by 2/22/22; (11) trial to be conducted remotely on Zoom for Government, and a status conference to test technical capability to be conducted on 2/22/22 at 2:00 p.m.; (12) trial briefs, which are optional, to be filed and served by 2/15/22; (13) witnesses must be available for cross-examination unless appearance is waived by the non-calling parties. At the status conference, the court will discuss with counsel whether a pretrial conference should be conducted since neither party has not requested one. and proceeding with trial remotely as opposed to in person. The court notes that movant stated in the status report that his counsel is attempting to

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contact respondent Jackman directly, which counsel should not be doing as respondent Jackman is a represented party and should only be communicating through his counsel, Mr. Snyder. The court will request counsel for movant to lodge a proposed scheduling order once the schedule is set at the status conference. Appearances are required on 11/9/21, but counsel and self-represented parties must appear through Zoom for Government in accordance with the court's remote appearance instructions.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Shant John Markarian Represented By

Sevan Gorginian

Movant(s):

Shant John Markarian Represented By

Sevan Gorginian

Trustee(s):

Rosendo Gonzalez (TR) Pro Se

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Adv#: 2:21-01035 United States Trustee (LA) v. Meeks

#2.00 Cont'd status conference re: Complaint to revoke the debtor's discharge pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§727(d)(1) and (2) fr. 4/27/21, 8/10/21

Docket 1

*** VACATED *** REASON: Cont'd from 11/9/21 to 12/14/21 at 1:30p.m. per stip & order entered on 11/1/21-pp

Tentative Ruling:

Updated tentative ruling as of 11/3/21. Off calendar. Continued by stipulation and order to 12/14/21 at 1:30 p.m. No appearances are required on 11/9/21.

Prior tentative ruling as of 8/9/21. No tentative ruling on the merits. Appearances are required on 8/10/21, but counsel and self-represented parties must appear through Zoom for Government in accordance with the court's remote appearance instructions.

Prior tentative ruling. The court has reviewed the joint status report and will set the following pretrial schedule: (1) deadline to file motion to add parties or amend pleadings, 5/28/21; (2) discovery cutoff date, 7/30/21; (3) deadline to file pretrial motions, 7/30/21; and (4) post-discovery status conference, 8/10/21 at 1:30 p.m. Plaintiff to lodge a proposed scheduling order within 7 days of hearing. Appearances are required on 4/27/21, but counsel and self-represented parties must appear through Zoom for Government in accordance with the court's remote appearance instructions.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Tarel Deshun Meeks Represented By

Scott Kosner

Defendant(s):

Tarel Deshun Meeks Pro Se

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Plaintiff(s):

United States Trustee (LA) Represented By

Eryk R Escobar

Trustee(s):

Brad D Krasnoff (TR) Represented By

Eric P Israel

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2:11-35922 Victor Huezo

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Adv#: 2:11-02825 Ball v. Huezo

#3.00 Cont'd status conference re: Mandate from The United States Court of Appeals for The Ninth Circuit

fr. 10/5/21

Docket 311

Tentative Ruling:

Updated tentative ruling as of 11/4/21. Having reviewed the declaration of plaintiff's counsel regarding computation of interest on an amended judgment and the stipulation of the parties regarding entry of amended judgment, the court has entered an amended judgment in this adversary proceeding. Because no further action is needed in this adversary proceeding, no appearances are required on 11/9/21.

Prior tentative ruling as of 10/4/21. Appearances are required on 10/5/21, but counsel and self-represented parties must appear through Zoom for Government in accordance with the court's remote appearance instructions.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Victor Huezo Represented By

Baruch C Cohen

Defendant(s):

Victor Huezo Represented By

M. Jonathan Hayes

Plaintiff(s):

Joey Ball Represented By

Paul C Bauducco Nicholas S Kanter

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Trustee(s):

Brad D Krasnoff (TR) Pro Se

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2:16-23897 Bryan Andrew James

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#4.00 Hearing re: Motion for entry of order confirming abandonment of certain claims

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Tentative Ruling:

Revised tentative ruling as of 11/4/21. Having reviewed the moving, opposing and reply papers, the court tentatively rules as follows. Overrule evidentiary objections to debtor's declaration. Deny motion for order confirming abandonment of certain claims without prejudice because the claims were insufficiently described in debtor's bankruptcy schedules as the description of the claims in the schedules was not in the form Schedule B itself, but in a handwritten attachment stating the potential amount of the claims, and without identification of the parties to the claims in litigation, the court where the litigation of the claims were pending and the case numbers of the litigation of the pending claims. 11 U.S.C. 554(c) and 521(a)(1); In re Stevens, 617 B.R. 328, 331-334 (9th Cir. BAP 2020). The description of the claims in the statement of financial affairs is also insufficient as there is no indication that debtor had an affirmative claim pending as the reference to the case in the SOFA only referred to him as a defendant, and not as a counterclaimant (unlike the litigation of debtor's claim against Bryan Craig which indicates debtor as the plaintiff). Even if disclosure of the claims was adequate in the SOFA, 11 U.S.C. 554(c) is narrowly construed that the disclosure of the asset must be in the schedules as opposed to the SOFA. In re Stevens, 617 B.R. at 331-333. Moreover, the trustee's knowledge of an asset is not a substitute for the requirement of proper scheduling of an asset. Id. at 333. It would appear that debtor could amend his schedules to properly schedule the claims pursuant to FRBP 1009, see In re Goswami, 304 B.R. 386, 392-393 (9th Cir. BAP 2003), and can then seek the trustee's voluntary abandonment of the subject assets or move to compel abandonment. 11 U.S.C. 554(a) or (b); see also, In re Stevens, 617 B.R. at 331. Thus, denial is without prejudice. The court disagrees with the objecting creditor's contention that judicial estoppel is applicable here as she has not shown how that doctrine applies here. Appearances are required on 11/9/21, but counsel and selfrepresented parties must appear through Zoom for Government in accordance with the court's remote appearance instructions.

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Party Information

Debtor(s):

Bryan Andrew James Represented By

Crystle Jane Lindsey

Movant(s):

Bryan Andrew James Represented By

Crystle Jane Lindsey

Trustee(s):

Jason M Rund (TR) Represented By

Brad Krasnoff

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#5.00 Hearing re: Application for fees and expenses

[Hahn Fife & Company, LLP, Accountant for Chapter 7 Trustee]

Docket 51

Tentative Ruling:

Off calendar. In light of the lack of any timely written opposition to the final fee application of the accountant for the trustee, the court determines that oral argument on the final fee application is not necessary and dispenses with oral argument pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9013-1(j)(3). The court deems the lack of filing and service of a timely written opposition as consent to approval of the final fee application pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9013-1(f) and (h), rules on the final fee application on the papers, and approves the final fee application for the reasons stated in the final fee application and for lack of timely written opposition. No appearances are required on 11/8/21. Applicant or trustee to lodge a proposed order within 7 days of hearing.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Dani Mendoza Represented By

Erika Luna

Trustee(s):

Peter J Mastan (TR) Pro Se

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#6.00 Hearing re: Trustee's final report and account;

Application for fees and expenses [Peter J. Mastan, Chapter 7 Trustee]

Docket 54

Tentative Ruling:

Off calendar. In light of the lack of any timely written opposition to the trustee's final report and fee application for the trustee, the court determines that oral argument on the final report and fee application is not necessary and dispenses with oral argument pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9013-1(j)(3). The court deems the lack of filing and service of a timely written opposition as consent to approval of the final report and fee application pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9013-1(f) and (h), rules on the final report and fee application on the papers, and approves the final report and fee application for the reasons stated in the final report and fee application and for lack of timely written opposition. No appearances are required on 11/9/21. Trustee to lodge a proposed order within 7 days of hearing.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Dani Mendoza Represented By

Erika Luna

Trustee(s):

Peter J Mastan (TR) Pro Se

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#7.00 Hearing re: Order to show cause why Plonsker Law LLP, counsel for creditor whose Dog R U Productions, Inc., should not be sanctioned based on violations of Local Bankruptcy Rule 5005-2(d).

Docket 54

Tentative Ruling:

Off calendar. Having read the declarations of counsel and staff at Plonsker Law, LLP, the court discharges the order to show cause. No appearances are necessary.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Orchid Child Productions, LLC Represented By

Sanaz Sarah Bereliani David Brian Lally

Trustee(s):

Edward M Wolkowitz (TR)

Represented By

Gary E Klausner Carmela Pagay

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Cont'd hearing re: Chapter 7 trustee's motion for order establishing sale procedures for sale of estates right, title and interest to certain property of the estate fr. 9/28/21, 10/5/21

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Tentative Ruling:

Updated tentative ruling as of 11/3/21. Off calendar. Continued by stipulation and order to 12/7/21 at 2:30 p.m. No appearances are required on 11/9/21.

No tentative ruling as of 10/4/21. Appearances are required on 10/5/21, but counsel and self-represented parties must appear through Zoom for Government in accordance with the court's remote appearance instructions.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Orchid Child Productions, LLC Represented By

Sanaz Sarah Bereliani David Brian Lally

Trustee(s):

Edward M Wolkowitz (TR) Represented By

Gary E Klausner Carmela Pagay